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**SHORTERVILLE WOMAN SENTENCED TO EIGHT MONTHS IN
FEDERAL PRISON FOR BANK FRAUD**

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA – Susan McDaniel, 43, of Shorterville, Alabama, was sentenced by United States District Judge Myron H. Thompson to eight months in federal prison for bank fraud, U.S. Attorney Leura G. Canary announced today. In addition to McDaniel's prison term, Judge Thompson also ordered her to pay over \$400 in restitution and to serve a period of five years supervised release following her discharge from prison.

Prior to the sentencing, McDaniel pleaded guilty to one count of bank fraud and admitted that she executed a scheme to obtain money under the custody and control of Wachovia Bank, N.A., a federally-insured financial institution, by means of false and fraudulent pretenses and representations. Specifically, McDaniel admitted that on March 5, 2007, she cashed a personal check drawn on the account of another individual which had the designated payee of Big Lots and the amount of \$283.24. McDaniel had previously stolen the personal check out of the mail and altered the name of the designated payee from Lowe's of Dothan to Big Lots.

McDaniel is presently in state custody serving a sentence of imprisonment for conduct relevant to this offense. Due to her present state custody status, Judge Thompson ordered that McDaniel's eight-months federal sentence run concurrent to her prison term on the five state court cases. Judge Thompson noted that McDaniel's eight-month federal sentence reflects a reduction of thirteen months for time already served on the five state court sentences that will not

be credited by the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

The case was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service and the Abbeville Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jerusha T. Adams.